# St. Rose of Lima Church

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**BAPTISMS:** By appointment with the priest at least one month in advance.

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment, at least six months in advance.

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# MASSES:

Weekdays Crockett

Holy Days

Tues. - Fri......12:00 noon
Crockett.......12:00 noon
& 7:00 pm

# **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 pm



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# From the Desk of Fr. Leo

If you want an excellent definition of faith, then ponder and memorize the first sentence in this weekend's reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. "Faith is confident assurance concerning what we hope for, and conviction about things we do not see." This one sentence can give you many hours of meditation. Think about the many things you hope for. Do you have confident assurance of obtaining them? Next you can



try to imagine the many things that you think exist. See if you have conviction of their existence. In such a fashion you can determine your depth of faith.

The author of Hebrews emphasizes that one can only have faith in another person if the other is trustworthy. Thus our first step in religious faith must be to determine for ourselves if God is 100% trustworthy. The author assures us He is. Faith means more than professing belief in creeds and rules. It means trusting God-as the coin says. Examples of great people of faith are presented in this passage. There's Abraham, the all - time classic model, who took to the road without map or compass like a brave pioneer. He left everything behind and did not know where he was going, but he had faith in a better life because of his deep confidence in his directing God.

Sarah, his wife, was twice the age of bearing children and laughed at the thought. But when she was convinced that God was speaking to her, she fully believed God and gave birth to Isaac.

Perhaps we could have deeper convictions about religion if we simply had more faith in general, for we believe in many things we don't see. No one has seen electricity in itself, but only the results of its existence. The same is true of the world, gravity and even of life itself. So we see that many an unseen mystery is a reality.

Someone told me some time ago that he was an agnostic. "Well, maybe not," he added, "perhaps I just question things and think too much. "When you question truths and think about them, it doesn't mean that you are losing faith. Rather, your faith is healthy and growing. Faith is different from science and mathematics. For often it doesn't test out or add up. The popular slogan, "Seeing is believing," is poor.

theology. Believing is precisely not seeing. Jesus told Thomas, "Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed." (John 20:29).

When invited to something new and challenging, some people say, "I can't," or "I don't know how." Others reply, "Okay, I'll try." We can murmur about uncertainties and innovations and then retreat to our familiar surroundings, or we can launch out in faith like the pilgrims of old. Our trustworthy Lord came forth from the tomb and encourages every follower to hope against hope. Believe, trust Him.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

# Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	Aug 13	Noon
Special Intentions	Table Consideration (Consideration)	
Wed.	Aug 14	Noon
Daniel Regala Gerona†	eaman	Mary Ann Guinto
Thur.	Aug 15	Noon
Asuncion Mateo†	DVE NEW	Bernardina
Fri.	Aug 16	. Noon
Nino Abbondanza † Gino Carrugi †		. Wanda
Sat.	Aug 17	4:30pm
People of the Parish		
Sun.	Aug 18	9am
Essex & Janice		Mom & Dad
'(Anniversary)		
Port Costa		11:00am
Miguel & Rita Gomez †	Your Children	



# Sunday Collection - August 4

St. Rose, Crockett/Regular Sunday \$1578

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# Welcome Committee, Lectors and Ministers

Aug 17: Teresa Walker, Mary Duckworth, Franca

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Lector: Marissa Perlas
Welcome: John Valentini

Aug 18: Barbara Denton, Mae Combong, Jenny Sebastian, Jesse Peralta, Bernardina de la

Pena, Angela Reese

Lector: Sylvia Smith, Ed Combong

Welcome: Marleana Airoldi

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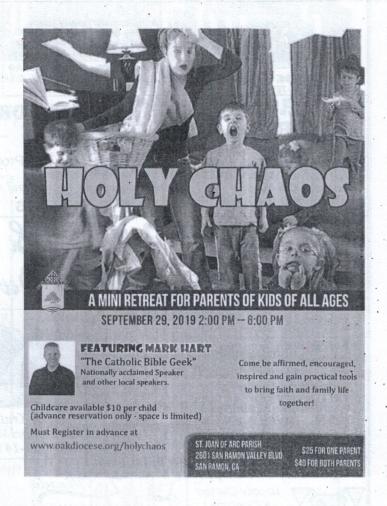


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# Don't Take a Vacation from God

Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy days should be a priority. If traveling to places one is unfamiliar with, information on church addresses and time of Masses can be found on the internet at <a href="https://www.masstimes.org">www.masstimes.org</a> or 1-800-MASS-TIMES.





# SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Thank you to everyone who has made the effort to get online or come to the live class and do your training! We are almost there! The Diocese has recognized how well we are progressing, but there are still some of us that need to get online and complete that course! If you are still unsure, PLEASE call the office, we don't mind helping! You may even come in and I will complete the class with you!





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